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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

IN THE EYES OF JEWISH RABBIS AND TEACHERS.

TO-DAY the people of the United States, and in fact the whole civilized world observe the 100th anniversary of America's greatest statesman—Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham investment and the matter the 165 the most kindly anniments towards.

Abraham Lincoln preserved throughout his life the most kindly sentiments towards the Jowish people. Whenever in his professional life or in his public eareer be had an opportunity of meeting Jews and of evidencing his feelings of two brotherhood and rare humanity, he allowed no other considerations to interfore with his action. In his early days in Illinois he was an intimate associate of many Jews who later became prominent

in the commercial and legal life of the unition.

At the time of the assistantian of the martyred president the Rabbis and preachers of the leading congregations then existing in the United States gave public expression to their grief at his untimely demise, and sketching in vivid colors, the great services Liucola had rendered to this nation. Some of these tributes to the momory of the great wur president are herwith presented to our readers both because of their subject and because they themselves are conched in an elevated style.

DR. LIEBMAN ADLER, at Congregation Kehilus Anshe Maarib, Chicago, June 1., 1865.—

(Translated from the German.)

When the seek for mon like Liucoln in the upper stratas of Society, nor in the crowded streets of the great eily. We find them as Samuel found the first King of Israel among the molest and industrious people in their log cabins. Lincoln accomplished more is four years by his rugged housesty than could any crufty statesman by his cunning.

Dr. Samuri, Adler, Rubbi of Temple Emmu-Kl, Now York, April, 19., 1865.

ome knows whether to call Abraham Lincoln, second to Washington or the first. Lake Washington he was the defender of freedom and of liberty, both of which attributes he brought about unblemished. His churacter, determination, energy and porseverance cause us to call him Father Abraham. Even as God said to Abraham, the partiarch, that he was to be the father of many people, so did God select Ahraham Lincoln to be the protector and father of a great people. He was the great spront which sheltered and protected this Great Nation. He stood firm and did not flinch. Great in spirit, in character, in coverything, he resisted every temptation to

turn him from the right path. As Moses was uncek so was Lincoln. Both lived lowly in spirit, both were respected, loved and adored and both died endowed with the same qualities. Alraham Lincoln has not fallen. He is lost to us but he is as Light and no maged with his Father and remain for ever.

Dr. David Einhorn, at the Synagogue Keneseth Israel, Philadelphin. April 19., 1865.—
(Translated from the German.)

OWEVER, many rivers of tears have flown in these four bloody years, they are hut us a drop in the ocean of tears. That streams from the heartblood of this great nation and rushes round that bier which is being carried away from Washington



with the mortal remnius of the best and noblect of men. And when did he full? At the height of his fame and whendor, at the very moment when his gigantic work was hastcuing towards completion with gigantic steps, when his mild, pinus heart was devising ways and means to heal the wounds, which the enemies of the country had inflicted upon it and themselves, when he was stretching out his paternal num lowingly towards his measusimtors. Abrahom Liucoln has fallen but never was he so exulted as in the moment of his fall. A life such as his could not have found a more glorious ending. He

was the Messiah of his people, and much more brilliant than the crown of love with which this country adorned bim, glitters the erown of the martyr, which the enemies of the nation have placed upon his bowed and bloody brow. His lot hus fallen in pleasant places. He was permitted to seal his immortal work with his own blood, and that places him even higher than Washington and will carry his name respleadent through the centuries. And thus his exalted work-the vanquishing of the rebellion and the unuihilation of shivery-it no way is shattered by his pussing away, but on the contrary is even strengthened. The assassination of the high priest of freedom will and must unite all of those who have a spark of moral feeling within them in close brotherly union for the perpetuation of the republic und the extermination of the shameful institution.

Dt. H. Hochheimer, at the Congregation Oheb Israel, Baltimore, Md., April 19., 1865,— (Translated from the German.)

F the past four years have not proven to us IF the past four years have not problem the unhility of heart and the childlike innoceuce of Abraham Lincoln even his most hitter enemies must acknowledge that the last days of his life showed how much goodness there was in this unpretentious man. Victory after Victory, one triumph after mother did not make him exult. To the fullen enemy he gave his hand, he spared him every lumiliation, he affered couditions more honorable than they dured dream of. He who could be so modest in the midst of victory to change a foe into a friend must really be great. Israel more than others has enuso to bewail his loss for in the wreath of virtues which adorn the brow of Abraham Lincoln his consideration for all religions was not the least.

Dr. B. Felsenthal, at Zion Temple, Chicago, April 19, 1865.—(Translated from the German.)

INCOLN'S righteonsness consisted in the use of his great mental and spiritual gifts, the sum total of his noble glorious deeds. And he was great,—great through the problems he had to face: the recentibilishment of the Union which he undertook with wis dom and firmness great, that he actualized the grand clause of the Declaration of Independence,—"All men are free and equal," and great, in that in all his endeavors justice and firmness were tempered with gentleness and love. The Union, dear to all lovers of liberty throughout the world, became an object of inter to all foces of freedom, and was feared by all monarchs. To re-establish the Union, and crush the rabellion, was Lincoln's task. Clear of vision, he piloted the ship of state through the raging billows. With true statesmanlike power, he knew how to win help to reach the port of peace,

Ristory will engrave on her tablets. amount the names of the henefuctors of mankind,-"Lincoln, the emancipalor! The re-creator of the of blending justice with love. Let-President acted.

DR. BERNARD ILLOWIY, at Synagogue Shaarey Chesed, New Orleans. April 23., 1865.

AST Subbuth we all cheerfully exclaimed with the pious King David,-"Thank ye the Lord for He is good. His merey endureth forever, and to-day already we must weep with him, lament with Him, and like Him when He manufed for His friend Abner, we must call out; Mourn House of banel, lift up thy chancous voice louse of Juduh, for a prince, a great uma, has fullen to-day." Like David, when standing at the grave of his asasssinated friend, we call after the departed father of our bereaved country,-Abraham thy hands were never bound and thy feet were never put in chains. Thou hast wound thyself lovingly around the hearts of millions with gentle ties, which even the destructive tooth of time can never lessen. Ages will roll upon ages, but thy memory will still live, in the hearls of thy countrymen until the latest gener atious. Thou hast succeeded to see the full accomplishment of the last work of thy life, and the total disappearance of the storm-pregnant clouds which were gathered thickly over our country threatening it with total ruin. Thou hast succeeded and has seen, before the sunset the tree which thou hast planted and moistened with the precious blood of thy noble heart-thou wast permitted to see, but not to enjoy them and like unto the great teacher of mankind, the Redcemer of Israel, did the Lord say unto thee,-"Get thee up on this mountain; from there shalt theu see the land which I have given unto thy people and when thou hast seen it then shult thou be guthered unto thy brothers, who are gone before thee." He is gone; be is no more; but his spirit will continue to live in the heart of his worthy successor. and his memory will forover be a blessed one in the hearts of his countrymen, as in the pages of history, for with his name commences a new era in the history. of the grentest and most powerful republic that ever existed on cartb.

REV. SAMUEL M. ISAACS, at the

LINCOLN'S ASSASSIN

Union!" Let us follow his example, THE dight, pursuit and remorse of Lincoln's as sassin have been with the dight pursuit and remorse of Lincoln's as sassin have been vividly portrayed by Enrug Lazarus in a norm berewith any vividly portrayed by Emma Lazarus in a poem herewith apno hale, nor vengennee, animate pended. She choose for her title the date of Booth's capture and death, ns Suffering must emoble and inadvertently giving it a day too late. These verses first appeared in uplift, but not degrade, a nation. 1867, in "Poems and Translations by Bunna Lazarus, written between Let us cherish the forgiving spirit the ages of Fourteen and Seventeen." Owing to their ambiguous title in which our now transfigured their existence bus recuped the notice of most students of Lincoln.

APRIL 27th, 1865.

"Oh, where can I lay my aching head?" The weary-worn fugitive sadly said. "I have wandered in all the sleepless night, And I saw my pursuers distant light As It glared o'er the river's waves of blue, And flashed forth ugain in each drop of dew-I've wandered all night in this deadly air, Till, sick'ning, I drop with pain and despaic."

Go forth! Thou shall have here no rest again, For thy brow is marked with the brand of Cain.

"I am wenry and faint and ill," said he, "And the stars look down so mercilessly! Do you muck me with your glittering ray, And seek, like the garish sun, to betruy? Oh, forbear, cruel stars, so bright and high; Ye are happy and pure in God's own sky. Oh, where can I lay me down to sleep, To rest and to slumber, to pmy and weep?"

Go forth! Thou shalt have here no rest again. For thy brow is marked with the brand of Cain.

'To sleep! What is sleep now but haunting dreams? Chased off, everytime by the flashing gleam Of the light o'er the stream of yonder town, Where all are searching and hunting me down! Oh, the weerisome pain, the dread suspense, And the horror each justant more intense! I yearn for the rest from my pain and for sleep-Bright stars, do ye mock, or, quivering ween?

Go forth! Thou shalt have here no rest again. For thy brow is marked with the braud of Caiu.

On the marsh's grass, without pillow or bed, Fell the rain and dew on his fated head; While the will-o'-the wisp with its changeful light, Led him on o'er the swamp in the darksome night; And ull Nature's voices eried out again, To the weary fugitive in his pain-

Go forth! Thou shalt bave here no rest ugain, For thy brow is marked with the brand of Cain.

The pursuers are near! Oh, bitter strife! Youth, more strong than despuir still clings to life. More near and more near! They find him at last; One desperate struggle, and all is past--One desperate struggle, mid smoke and flame, For life without joy, and darkness and shame. A prayer ascends to high Heaven's gate For his soul, O, God, be it not too late! A ball cleaves the air. He is lying there, Pale, stiff and cold in the fresh morning air; And the flames' hot breath is all stiffed now, And the breezes encess his marble brow.

All sorrow has gone with life's fitful brenth.

Rest at last! For thy brow bears the seal of death.

mortality. His extreme disintrest-edness is testified to by all who were honored with his acquaint-were honored with his acquaintedness is testified to by all who Broadway Synagogue, NewYork, nuco and confirmed by every April 19., 1865.

ELECTED as President over in no personal aggrandization. He sought visit extensive country, over extent, of decreases. vast extensive country, over extent of dominion, all he asked the work in which he had been enan intellectual and free people for was—"our country me and ungaged was nearly finished, and he smidst the most gigantic and caus- divided; no North nor South but un- could well leave it to others to fuluness remained which ever afflicted lited as our fathers were." This was fil what was still incomplete. He any land, at the very extreme point his nim, his motive, and for such was taken away in triumphant and the world will admire where it is so difficult to maintain starting matricities. where it is so difficult to maintain sterling patriotism which corrupt success. If you were to ask a man it as honorable to the American an equilibrium our Lincoln romain-politicians do not find in their voc- how he would prefer to dio he people, that when their Chief Mag ed incorruptible. In all his dignity abulary, the voice of the Supreme probably would answer you. The istrate, during a conflict of unexhenever for a moment of mapped virulence was violently and was but a munt, be uever strove to, ham, I am by shield, thy reward was but a munt, be uever strove to, ham, I am by shield, thy reward hide his subjection to the ills of shall be exceedingly great."

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A thousand years added to his life tion of purty, they united in the would probably have failed to en- most unprecedented munner to teshauce his triumph. Let his examt tify their grief and to hear witness ple have a powerful influence to to the great virtues of the decensed wards inspiring the people with sentiments of benevolence and forbearance, by dwelling in his good deeds and following his footstens in the paths of peace and conciliation they will honor his memory truly and act in consonnee with his naturally kind disposition.

DR. MAX LIGHTERAL, of the Synnugogue Bnai Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 19, 1865. INCOLN proved himself to be

the right man in the right place, though never in human his- she weepeth in the night, and there tory were so many momentons lears are visible on her cheeks. questions at once at issue. Lincoln knew us better than we did our. Dr. Sabato Morats, at Synagogue selves. Himself a child of the musses, he knew the patriotic and uncorrupted loyalty of the masses. He inspired us with confidence in our power and ability; he called on us to rally round our flag, and they came—the men came, the treasure came, and the right men; in the right time and the right place came; and the builtle was fought and gloriously won. When fuilure after failure temlered to liscourage the stoutest heurts Lincoln never failed and nover quailed. He stood firm, immuvable, hopeful, trying and trying again, 'till his firmness and his hope inspired the whole nation and becatombs of blood and trensure were offered willingly and unsparingly and at last his hope was erowaed with

REV. J. J. LYONS, of the Symugogue Shearith Israel, New York City, April 19, 1865.

putriot. In private life our late President was just, furthful and effectionate; in public, honest und irreproachable. The highest testimony to his sterling worth is to se found in the public and private lemonstrations of respect for his character, and of sympathy for his bereaved family-demonstrations the more honorable and creditable because they are spontaneous and voluntury and not dictated by party spirit. "Now the city sits solitary; she has become like a widow;

Mickye Israel, Philadelphia, Pa., June 1, 1865.

S long as the heart feels and the mind thinks Lincoln will be limited as the defender of human liberty and the promoter of civilization. No sculpture, though wrought by the emsel of a Michael Angelo, can do him adequate honor, who shall ever he known as the Savior of a Nation. We must bear his name with a blessling upon our lips; teach our children to pronounce it with the reverence inspired by that of the glorious founder of this Republic, picture in their presence as an incentive to virtue his unustentatious goodcess. The precious blood will then indeed yield fruits of sublimity. Verily 1 say unto you:-The con-

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quests of the famous Macedonian King may eease to be venerated, the exploits of the here who passed the Rubicou may find no space in the pages of history, but the goodly, aye, the religious thoughts and deeds of our citizen ruler will form the song and joy of the latest generations

IN YOUR HOME ?

DR. MAN SCHLESINGER, at Temple Anshe Emeth, Albany, N. Y., April 19, 1865.

ES, Abraham Liucoln was the Lord's anointed - anointed to do his will, "to bring out the prisoners from the dangeon and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." It was the spirit of God within him that led him to the determination no longer to allow the perpetuation of slav ery to bring the blush of shame on our nation's cheek. Since the days of Washington no man assumed such rast and weighty responsibilities. During four long and anxious years of trial and of raging tempests and treacheorous rocks. There he stood calm and self-possessed, with a strong heart and a firm hand steering for that haven of peace, justice and rightcousness which his mind's eye assassiu; a whole nation is be-reaved of its pride and glory and bowed down with unutterable sorrow und sadness

DR. BENJAMIN SZOLD, at the Obeb Shnlom Synagogue, Baltimore,

Md., June 1, 1865. THE two characteristic qualities of Ahraham Lincoln were love of the fatherland and love of liberty, the qualities that secured hope of recovery; and love of lihtrusted to God, who never torsakes left a rich nertrage; a great victory and is no wore amongst the living addresses and the inspiration of the libing spirit will rest, who will deup him all virtee. Those and is no wore amongst the living addresses, and the inspiration of the libing spirit will rest, who will deup him all virtee for any brethren, and bow in upon us, the people of the United mentioned cannot deny this highest liminher evotion before God! Arise Jew in his wanderings has found many a fatherland; but until be reached America he found a mother nowhere, for liberty is the mother who embraces all the children of the fatherland with equal affec-

Lincoln's Amnesty.

NSPIRED by the death of Lincoln, Judah Roswald of Baltimore, wrote a poem in Hebrew called "Lincoln's Annesty," the same being published in the Jewish Messenger of June 24th, 1865. A truns-

Roswald was horn in Bayaria in 1806. He studied in Gelluliauseu and was a good Hebraist, of artistic temperament and well read in English and German. In his younger years he was a teacher in Germany and later on settled in Bultimore as a merchant. He died in that in that city in 1894, nged 88.

Twelve years they had served Chedarlaomer, But in the thirteenth year they rebelled (Genesis xiv, 4). Foolish meu in the South

Are sebeming to wage war in the North.

Lincoln said, "See, for the evil is before your face," And who is be, who shall go before you? Return! Return! Return to the land of your father! And then it will be good for your sons and daughters.

Please do no harm to this land. For since the days of Washington there was love among us. And why did you not see the suffering of the children? And you turned away from the right path in anger.

What profit and gain is there to be found in your sword and arrow? For you will surely fell below your enemy.

Take my advice since you fall into the hands of your friends, Listen to the words of my mouth to save your soul.

Come sens, come! under the wing of my government, For charity and truth I have sworn to my country. I did not seek to take from you a thread, even to a shoe latchet. Come sens! Come under the shadow of my roof (Genesis xiv, 5).

creed. Thus Abraham Lincoln, his example and live in his spirit with his efficacions love of liberty, has carued for himself a place in the gallery of Jewish beroes. If he DR. Jonas Bondy, at the Synawas not flesh of the Jews' flesh, gogue Poel Zedek Now York not hone of his hone, he was nudeniable spirit of the Jewish spirit, soul of the Jewish soul, in his thoughts, his ideals, his very mode of expressing his thoughts and viction for the good of the Ameritrouble, that man of God stood ideals. Ilis impulse always was to can people. He ogled neither to the

DR. HENRY VIDAVER, at the United

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tion, no matter of what race or States, who will strive to follow of liberty, justice and love.

> April 19, 1865 (Translated from the German), BRAHAM LINCOLN acted

according to his best con-

our ship of state, piloting it through manuer of the Jewish Midrash. relled at the left with the other, but steered with unwavering glance towards the fixed goal which God Hehrew Synagogue, St. Louis, Mo., April, 19, 1865.

Keither pride nor boast of bis po-INCOLN'S watchword, his sition guided, but he strove in his holy principal was: "No uprightness to be like the Patriconsenses when his fining eye holy principal was: not ultrightness to be like the arthur to all at this moment was communicated tempestuous journey is drawing to ovil, but a total eridication of the people and races." To bim truth to me I am scarcely able to communicated tempestuous journey is drawing to ovil, but a total eridication of the its end, that hrave sturdy pilot, cause of the rebellion." Like was the highest good. He did not mand my feelings, and to express the Lord's unofuted, is stricken Moses when finding the golden ided even know that lie which states in the hands of his people, took and men permit under the cleak of di- has befallen our country. ground it to powder that not a plonney. Abraham Lincola, the might believe it! our revered trace should be left of the people's true interpreter of the American President, Abraham Lincola, the

inhumanity, be wholly removed our to the religion of his fathers. He He, who by the indomitable power country will always be exposed to could not respect that man who of his energy, stood amidst us like the disgraceful reproach without denied God's omnipotence, mercy a mighty ginnt, holding with his nnd baneful disturbances within, and love. He did not use his pe- hunds the tottering columns of our Abraham Lincoln understood his sition as President for gain. As a great commonwealth, and planting llberty, the qualities that secured two well with all his honest poor man he mounted the Presistance of game. As a secure upon the solid basis of ton Love of the fatherland declaration of the solid basis of the secure of the fatherland declaration of the solid basis of the security of his principles which were nothing Nation bis comfort, his peace and his great mind fall of wisdom, and his principles which were nothing Nation discomfort, his prace and his great beart full of love, his of government at a time when the dearing and liberty-loving heart, grave as poor as when be took his whole being a true type of the open the support of the supp and stuck to them closely and bigh office. But to the Nation he American liberal character. Oh trusted in God, who never forsakes left arich heritage; a great victory the beloved of our heart is fallen

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of all virtues, unselfishness. But and honor the memory of the bless will be fully recognized by future race at large. generations. Abraham Lincoln will dwell happy in realms above, his memory will last forever with the Nation. He needs no monument of cold marble or bronze, for he set up a menument for himself in the warm hearts of his contemporaries and posterity.

REV. Dr ELKAN COHN, at Congregation Emanuel, San Francisco, April 15, 1865.

BELOVED Brethren! Overbefore you the sad calamity that sanctuary of our Republic, has

he did possess all the virtues that ed, whose life was a blessing to us, I have ascribed to him, and all to our country, to the oppressed though often misjndged, his worth and afflicted and to the human

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